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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 1st, 1909.

An old and half forgotten poet once
welcomed a New Year with lines like
these:—Plague on't; the last was ill enough—
This cannot but make better proof;
Or, at the worst, as we brushed through
The last, why, so we may this too.Nine business men out of ten, these last
three years, have probably had similar
sentiments at the dawning of the years,
but on the present occasion the signs and
portents are rather more encouraging, and
give justification for greater cheerfulness
and hope. In the Review of the Trade
of the Colony for the year 1908, which we
publish to-day, in accordance with our
annual custom, may be discerned a tone of
quiet optimism and confidence in many
branches of business and the impression
that this collection of reports leaves upon
the mind is that the cloud of depression,
which has hung like a pall over commercial
operations for three years now, is slowly
lifting. The steady recovery of the United
States from the great financial crisis which
overwhelmed it in 1907 will re-act on the
China trade. A gradual return to a normal
basis has recently been noted everywhere
in the United States. Orders reaching the
industrial centres are reported to be steadily
increasing; confidence in the future is
returning and the country is described as
more rapidly than ever before after a period
of depression. The Bank clearings show
this. In England and on the Continent ofEurope the prospects at present are not so
bright, but there are not wanting indica-
tions of a revival of trade.In taking stock of things political the
outstanding events of the year in this part
of the world have been the death of the Em-
peror KWANG HSU, followed the next day by
the demise of the aged Empress Dowager,
and the appointment of Prince CHUN, the
late Emperor's brother, as Regent during
the minority of his infant son, who was
proclaimed Emperor. Contrary to general
expectation, the new régime has been quietly
inaugurated and the accession of Edicts
give promise of the development of those
ideas of reform and progress which have been
the theme of a multitude of Imperial Edicts
during the past two years. The promise
of a Constitution has not been lost sight
of. It was repeated in the death-bed Edicts
of the late ruler, and was endorsed in the
Accession Edict of the new monarch. The
next eight years will be a time of prepara-
tion on the part of the nation to receive the
promised gift. Nothing else of a very
startling nature has occurred in China
during the past year. The anti-opium
movement, begun in 1907, has been contin-
ued, but it is very difficult to judge of the
progress made. Next month an Interna-
tional Conference on this subject sits
at Shanghai when we may hope to learn
something authoritative as how far the
Imperial Edicts enjoining the restriction of
native cultivation of the poppy, and the sup-
pression of opium smoking, have been obeyed.Another movement of perhaps a less
general character has been the boycott of
Japanese goods maintained by the Cantonese
for more than half the year, by way of pro-
testing against what they regarded as a high-
handed action on the part of the Japanese
Government in insisting on the release
of the Japanese steamer seized near
Macao by two Chinese gunboats on the
ground that she was engaged in smuggling
arms into China. That such a movement
should have been allowed to grow up to
defy and set at naught the act of the
Government, is a comment on the weakness
and inefficiency of the control exercised by
the responsible authorities which requires
no elaboration. That the boycott is now
practically at an end is not due to any ex-
pression on the part of the Government, but
is attributed to the circumstance that the
ultra-patriots have too much on their hands
to give the matter that close attention
which they have heretofore devoted to it.
For the rest, China has now few unsettled
disputes with foreign powers. With the
exception of the small question of the
delimitation of the boundaries of Macao,
the only matters of importance remaining
are the questions now under negotiation
with the Japanese Minister at Peking and
an early settlement of these is antici-
pated. Good progress is being made with
the construction of railways in China, and
in many other ways signs of peaceful
development and progress are to be noted.
As to Japan the Emperor and his
Government have given substantial proof
of the peaceful aims of the nation in the
drastic reductions which have been made in
military expenditure; in the Imperial Re-
script enjoining upon the people the develop-
ment of the industries and commerce of
the country; and finally in the exchange of
Notes effected with the United States Gov-
ernment giving additional assurance of
peace in the Pacific.The general aspect of the year so far as
the Colony of Hongkong is concerned calls
for very few words. We need a return of
prosperity very badly. The Budget showed a
deficit of some \$400,000, and the anti-opium
policy of the Home Government hangs like
a Damocles' sword over the Colony threat-
ening to lop off the chief source of its
revenue. The most important legislative
achievement has been the placing upon the
statute book of the Amended Public
Health and Buildings Ordinance which is
the outcome of the Sanitary Commission.
There has been a much lighter crime roll
than in the preceding year, but 1908 will be
noteworthy in police annals by reason of the
fact that the Peace Preservation Ordinance
had to be proclaimed in consequence of a
riotous outbreak connected with the boycott
of Japanese goods. The proclamation
remained in force for two months and was
only cancelled last week. It is satisfactory
to record that good progress is being made
with the railway and other public works in
the Colony. A commencement has been
made with the new typhoon shelter at
Mongkoktsui, the cost being defrayed by
the increased taxation of shipping. This
reminds us of the typhoon of July 26th last
which did enough damage to house property
to give it title to rank among the notable
events of 1908. The commencement of
work at the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineer-
ing Works and the completion of the NavalExtension Works are also to be noted. It
has been a bad year for plague, the cases
totalling 1,078, a total not exceeded since
1908. Socially, the year has not been
distinguished in any marked way, and on
the whole it must be set down as a very
dull year for the Colony, though not more
so than its two or three immediate prede-
cessors have been. May this one be
infinitely better, for the Colony as a whole
and for every individual member of it!The Captain and officers of the U.S.S. Helena
have issued cards for an "At Home" on New
Year's Day from 3 to 6 p.m.Yesterday a fatal case of plague was reported
from Wanchai. This brings the total cases to
the end of the year to 1,073.To-day being observed as a holiday there will
be no issue of the Hongkong Daily Press to-
morrow, but a Shipping Extra will be issued in
which the latest telegrams will be published.At the Magistrate's yesterday Mr. J. H. Kemp
dismissed the charge against a Chinese woman
from Kowloon City of administering poison to
her husband, an Indian.The officers of the Italian men-of-war in port
were to have given a dance to residents on
Monday night, but, owing to the news of the sad
calamity in Italy this has been postponed.At the instance of Detective Sergeant
Terrett, Mok Lai Chi, of 14, Lyndhurst
Terrace, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp, at
the Magistrate's, with selling a preparation con-
taining strychnine and with not labelling
bottles containing poison in English and
Chinese. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10
on each count.The many friends of Mr. Stuart J. Fuller,
who for two years and a half has been American
Vice-Consul-General at Hongkong, will be
gratified to learn that a telegram has been
received announcing that he passed his examina-
tions in Washington recently, which puts him
on the list eligible for appointment as full consul.
Mr. Fuller arrives on the Empress of Japan
due to-day after an absence of three and a half
months, to resume his duties.

THE NEW YEAR.

In the time honoured manner 1909 was
 ushered in, the ships in the harbour with their
whistles adding to the chorus of sounds on land.
A watchnight service took place at the Union
Church, Dr. Wilder addressing the meeting, and
the Scottish community at Kowloon Dock
celebrated the occasion with their usual dance.

LADY LUGARD INDISPOSED.

We regret to learn that Lady Lugard has
been confined to her bed since Wednesday
through an attack of gastritis. On account of
this all her Ladyship's engagements have been
postponed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CRUELTY TO CHICKENS.

AN APPEAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]Hongkong, 31st December, 1908.
DEAR SIR,—We wish to appeal through the
local Press to all house-keepers in Hongkong,
who have their chickens brought alive to their
houses from the market or Dairy Farm.If ladies only realized when they write "one
chicken" in their Comptroller book what
suffering will almost certainly befall that
wretched bird before it arrives at their houses,
we feel sure that they would provide a proper
basket for its transit.How often one sees a coolie carrying the usual
market basket with a chicken, its legs tied,
resting precariously on the lid or hanging, head
downwards; and one shudders to think what
must often happen to the chickens in the wild
rush for seats in the Chinese portion of the tram,
when basket is piled upon basket, and excited
coolies fight for places.We, therefore, appeal in the interests of
humanity, to all house-keepers to either have
their chickens killed in the market or Dairy
Farm, or else to provide a separate basket for
their transit, and to insist upon its being used.

Yours faithfully,

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for the purpose of promoting "the amendment
of the marriage and divorce laws by extending
the grounds upon which a dissolution of marriage
may be obtained." The executive committee
consists of Lord Haldon, Mr. E. S. Haines,
Miss Margaret Dick, Mrs. W. Venables, and
Mr. W. Johnson, with Mrs. Marion Latham, of
Goschen Chambers, Henrietta Street, Strand,
as hon. secretary. Its main objects are (1) to
make the law as to marital misconduct the same
for both sexes; (2) to make desertion for one
year, cruelty, neglect, or incapacity to maintain
a wife, or conviction of crime or infamous con-
duct a sufficient ground for divorce; (3) that
out of London jurisdiction in divorce suits
should be conferred on county courts, appeals
being reserved for the existing court; (4) that all
children of divorced persons should be with-
drawn from the custody of the mother, and be
placed in the custody of the State, where there are no children,
jointly for a dissolution of marriage "upon such
grounds as the Court may approve." In the
prospectus of the society it is stated that "it is
calculated that there are 100,000 married people
who would be divorced if they had the means."

TELEGRAMS.

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CALAMITY IN SOUTHERN
ITALY.

LONDON, December 31st.

The town of Reggio in Calabria is
sinking into the sea.The total number of deaths caused
by the catastrophe is estimated at
150,000.

Disease is spreading.

Their Majesties the King and Queen
of Italy are actively assisting the
sufferers.The earthquake is the worst on
record.THE SNOWSTORM IN GREAT
BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 31st.

A keen frost has followed the snow-
storms.The Scotch Express was buried for
twenty-eight hours.The temperature is the lowest that
has been registered for fifty-one years.

A thaw has set in.

THE PRICE OF COAL.

LONDON, December 31st.

The price of coal has risen 4/- per
ton.THE SAN FRANCISCO
SCANDALS.

LONDON, December 31st.

Mr. Ruef has been found guilty
of the charges, preferred against
him, and sentenced to fourteen years' imprisonment.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE EARTHQUAKE IN SICILY.

LONDON, December 29th.

The earthquake was accompanied by a
wave 30 feet high.Many were drowned at the coast towns
and Messina, Reggio and Calabria are
reported to be practically destroyed.The rumour that thousands have perished
is not confirmed. All the telegraphs and
telephones are broken.A naval division has started from Naples
to Messina. The Captain of the frigate
Passino perished at Messina.The shocks were of frightful intensity and
the seismic apparatus throughout Italy has
been broken.

LATER.

Messina is a mass of ruins. Refugees
report that the Hotel Trineria, with the
staff and ninety visitors, the town hall, the
bourse, the post office, and the barracks are
destroyed. Most of the villages on the
coast of the Straits of Messina are in ruins.

HEALTH IN THE BRITISH NAVY.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.

The statistical report on the health of the
Navy for 1907, just issued as a blue book, states
that there was a still further improvement on
the satisfactory report for 1906, and the average
loss of service for each person dropped to 10.46
days. The following figures show the propor-
tion of cases:—

Total force	108,740
Number of cases of illness and injury	75,351
Ratio per 1,000	692.34
This is a decrease of 83.23 per 1,000, compared with the average ratio of the last five years.	
The average number of men sick daily was 3,118.4, giving a ratio of 28.67 per 1,000, a decrease of 2.52 per 1,000 in comparison with the last five years' ratio. The total number of days' sickness on board and in hospital was 1,138,219, which represents the average loss of service of 10.46 for each person already mentioned. This is a decrease of 1.29 in com- parison with the average for the last five years.	
In 1906 and 1906 the Channel Fleet shows the lowest, and the irregular list the highest, sick rate.	
The figures of illness from tubercular diseases compare with the average ratios for the last five years as follows:—	
Number of cases	86 per 1,000
Final invalidities	47 per 1,000
Deaths	22 per 1,000

There were also fewer cases of malarial fever,
owing to a careful use of mosquito curtains
and quinine.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued
the following report:—On the 31st at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer
has risen considerably over Japan and N. China.
The depression is moving away over the
Pacific to the N.E. of Japan, and a high pressure
area now covers N. China.Gradients are steeper along the China coast,
and strong monsoon will prevail in the Formosa
Channel and the China Sea.Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending
at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon
to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood	N.E. winds, fresh to strong; fair.
Formosa Channel	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between	Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Lamookin	Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between	Same as No. 1.
Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE PRIZE
PRESENTATION.His Lordship the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lander
presided at the annual prize distribution at
St. Paul's College yesterday. There were also
present the Rev. E. J. Barnett, the Rev. A. D.
Stewart, the Rev. and Mrs. Bunbury, Mrs. F.
H. May and a number of other ladies.After an opening hymn and a prayer, the
Rev. A. J. BUNBURY read the annual report,
from which the following extracts are taken:—The ninth year of work of the C. M. S.
Training College has been marked by distinct
progress both in the Boys' and in the Students'
departments. It is hardly necessary to remind
our friends that we have here classes of students
—boys, the sons of Christian parents, who are
given a general education and of whom the most
suitable are selected as school-masters in our
schools in China, and men of at least 20 years of
age who are trained as catechists. The chief
hindrances to our work have been, first the
limited character of the buildings of St. Paul's
College, and secondly, the repeated attacks of
beri-beri, from which this year, as in earlier
years, the College has suffered.The former difficulty, limited space, will be
partly removed by an agreement between the
Bishop of Victoria and the Church Missionary
Society whereby the whole available room will
be placed at the disposal of the College. The
latter, beri-beri, is a complaint which yearly
seems to increase in severity in South China.
Not this College only, but other educational
institutions in Canton, Wu-chow, and Swatow
have suffered. Hitherto the complaint has defied
investigation, and the report recently issued
that the germ had probably been discovered will
be welcomed by none more gladly than by the
authorities of this College. To set against these
difficulties we have the assistance of the Rev.
A. D. Stewart, whose aid as Vice-Principal
is most valuable. In the students' class the
course of study has been two years, and has
recently been raised to three. The four men
who were drowned with the late Bishop Hoare
would have completed their course had they
lived, in January 1908. No men went out at
that time but at the close of this year we have
two students, one from Pakhoi, two from Shin-
king, who, having completed their training, have
been accepted by the Mission as catechists. The
students' class has never been so large as this
year. In addition to the two men just men-
tioned, nine others entered in February last
after examination, and on the recommendation
of native or foreign clergy.Of the fifteen members of the Class who have
been accepted by the Church Missionary Society
for employment during the last seven years
four have resigned, two have been removed
death (one during this year) and the remainder
are still carrying on good and faithful work
amid surroundings which often are far from
easy.During the year the average number of boys
in the schools was 60. Of these, twenty-four
were in the Upper School and thirty-six in the
Preparatory School in Kowloon City. The
latter school is held in an old yamen, the
property of the Colonial Government, who
kindly allow us the use of it at a nominal rental
on a repairing lease. During the year, and
year, good work has again been done by
the little boys under the charge of Mr. Leung
Kin Foon the head-master, and his assistant
Mr. Li Po Sam. The health of the latter has
prevented him performing his duties during
the last few months and his place has been tem-
porarily taken by Mr. Kwan Tak Yan. Each
of those three young masters are old boys, and
their work has shown that their interest in their
old school has not flagged.At the beginning of the year this school was
one of four schools which provided for the needs
of the sons of our Christians; the others being
held at Canton, Pakhoi, and Shin-king. (All
the boys who entered the College this year had
passed through one or other of these schools.)
When the Rev. A. Hiff was removed by death
in August last, it became impossible to continue
that school, at least temporarily, and we received
eight of the boys into the Kowloon
School. Their knowledge of Scripture and
English shows how faithful and thorough was
Mr. Hiff's work among these little boys during
the last months of his life, during which he
devoted several hours each day to them.Progress has been steady in the Upper
School, but studies suffered a severe setback
when in the middle of May the outbreak of
beri-beri rendered it necessary to evacuate for
a time the College buildings. We did our best
for the boys, and our thanks are especially due
to the Headmasters of the Sai-ying-pun and
Yau-ma-tai Government Schools for allowing
boys whose homes were in Hongkong to com-
plete the summer term in those schools. Mr.
Stewart's commencement of work in the
College has made possible more advanced teach-
ing than in earlier years, when I was the only
foreign master. It is probably known that in
this school the medium of instruction is the
Chinese language, and that English (in
which a little lesson is given to each class) is a
'subject.' Much may be said for, and much
against, the use of a foreign language as
medium of instruction, but this at least appears
certain, that a technical vocabulary is rapidly
being created in Chinese by the labours of a
multitude of teachers and writers both native
and foreign, and that a complete acquaintance
with English, though desirable, is not essential
to the pursuit of knowledge. The new Govern-
ment Schools in the Empire of China (of which
Hongkong is not a part) employ the Chinese
language only, while giving instruction in some
European language (usually English) as a com-
pulsory subject. Hence it was with deep in-
terest that I was able to visit three secondary
schools in Shin-king, and study their methods
of work. As a result of these observations a
few slight changes have been made in our course
of studies at the College, in the direction of
assimilation with these schools. In February
last, two senior lads completed their course
and were appointed to assistant-masterships in
preparatory schools. One resigned in the
autumn; the other remains with us. Another
boy, a visitor from the S. P. G. Mission in
Borneo, stayed with us one year and is now a
school-master in Kudat. As regards studies,
the usual subjects have been taught, but more
time has been devoted to history and map
drawing than in previous years. In view too
of the interest taken in the proposed constitu-
tion of China, I have on the Saturdays of the second
half year given a series of lectures on the
Parliament of England, as illustrating the
gradual growth of our constitution.
It may not be improper to say a word about
the finances of the College. The students are
supported by an annual grant from the Church
Missionary Society, which is not available for
the Boys' School, except for the salaries of the
masters. The expenses of these schools are
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subscriptions of friends in Hongkong or in
England. During the last year, the Boys' School
was entirely free, by the advice of the
late Bishop Hoare; in 1903 the sum of \$6 per
annum was charged, (a nominal sum as the
boys were boarders.) In 1906 the fees were
raised to \$20 per annum, and this year to
\$30 in the college, and \$25 in the Preparatory
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reached the limit of fees, as most of our Christians
are poor, some very poor, and the boys have to
become wage earners on their own account, to
help their families, as soon as possible. Never-
theless the sum received for fees in the Upper
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1907. At the present time, of sixty boys in
the two schools, only fourteen are supported in
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boy is supported from the general funds, nor is
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we are bound to depend on subscriptions. In
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many helpers who have by their personal service,
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in the annual list. The school is now in its
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concrete the whole floor of the large class room.
Last, but not least, to the donors of tennis balls
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addressed the boys in Chinese, and the Rev.
Mr. BUNBURY gave a résumé of the address in
English. The Pastor told the boys of the difficul-
ties which might attend their desire to serve
God. There were three types of difficulties, he
said, the first being opposition, the second in-
clination, and the third the question of the
comparative emoluments which were obtained
by native preachers and by those who did not
do church work. Mr. Fok concluded by advis-
ing the boys to look to the end when beset by
any of these difficulties.His Lordship, BISHOP LANDER, then
addressed the gathering. He stated that St.
Paul's was one of the oldest institutions in
the Colony. He had found in its archives
mildewed statute documents dating back some
60 years, when the college was founded by the
liberality of a brother and sister. The object
of the college primarily was the training of
native clergy and Christian teachers for the
propagation of the Gospel in China according
to the doctrine of the Church of England.
During its nearly 60 years of existence the
college had passed through many vicissitudes,
and through all its long history it was never
more necessary and never more efficient
than it is to-day. They should be thankful
for the excellent report, and for the
encouraging words of Pastor Fok. His
Lordship desired to express his thanks and ap-
preciation of the work of the Principal, the
Vice-Principal and the staff. Long before he
came here he heard from friends at home of the
good qualities of the Principal and Vice-Prin-
cipal. It pleased his Lordship to bear witness
to the good conduct of the students. He lived
side by side with them, and hardly knew there
was a college

The Bishop then distributed prizes to the following:—

Upper Schools:—Class Prizes:—First—Tsang Sung; Second—Wan Tak Wai; Third—Lam Chak Yan. English Prizes (presented by W. L. Pottenden, Esq.) Upper (divided) Au Tin Shang and Lam Chak Yan. Second, Tong Sik Geography and Map drawing:—First—Wan Tak Wai, Second—Li Po Ching. The Bishop's Divinity Prize—Wong Heung Len.

Mr. Li Ping's Prize: Loh Tak Fak. Preparatory School (Kowloon City) Class Prizes: Upper—Hoh U Ming; Middle—Shom Wai On; Lower—Shom Wai Cheung. Prizes for Holy Scripture: Upper Class: Ho U Ming; Middle: Wong A Wan; Lower: Shom Wai On and Fung Sik Hong (equal).

Conduct Prizes: Upper Class: Kwong Cheong Hing; Middle: Lam Chak Hong; Lower: Chung Yan Lap.

The prize in the Student Catechists class was obtained by Mr. Loh Yan Hin.

KOWLOON DOCK DANCE

The staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, which is composed of a large Scottish element, gave another successful Hogmanay dance yesterday. This way of "bringing in the new year" is very popular, and last night's dance was even more enjoyable than its predecessors. That is saying a good deal, for these festive gatherings have a reputation for good humour and general enjoyment not shared by any other in the colony. Almost 300 took the floor, a fact which speaks volumes for the hospitality of the staff and for their reputation as entertainers.

While floral decorations, appropriate to the season, adorned the institute entrance and the corridors, the walls presented an unusually bright appearance under their draping of bunting, a work effectively undertaken by several bluejackets from H.M.S. Virago. The dancing hall looked brilliant, with festive of greenery suspended from the roof flags on the walls and shields bearing crests occupying the spaces between the windows. Conspicuous in the scheme of illumination was the Dock crest and the Scottish thistle, opposite, while stars and other formations added to the general effect. In the bar room there was another of Mr. Duncan's excellent paintings, on which a happy looking man who had evidently inebriated rather freely held out a hand to a pillar box with which he wished to shake hands. The supper room was also tastefully decorated, while the cloak room was made more beautiful by Mr. Duncan's picture of Edinburgh Castle. A good service of launches brought guests from Hongkong and about nine o'clock dancing was commenced to the music supplied by the band of the 13th Rajputs under Bandmaster Coke. The floor was perfect and added much to the pleasure of the evening. A programme of 20 dances, including several Scottish favourites, had been arranged, but, of course, one or two extras had to be given.

Shortly before midnight the company sat down to an elaborate supper, after which the music of the band ceased and Bandmaster Coke by a skilful manipulation of bells "rang out the old year and rang in the new." On the stroke of twelve the lights which outlined the figures of 1908 were switched off and showed 1909. Cordial greetings were expressed, and Mr. R. Mitchell, chief manager, who presided, voiced the pleasure of the staff in welcoming so many friends. Then it was "on with the dance," which was maintained with zest till nearly three o'clock. Messrs. Stewart and Crawford were assiduous in the discharge of their duties as M.C.s.

MASONIC.

At the annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China held on Wednesday evening, Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough presided, and invested the following Officers for the ensuing year:—

District Grand Master—Wor. Bro. Sir C. F. Chester, G.M.G.
Deputy District Grand Master—Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough.
District Senior Grand Warden—Wor. Bro. W. J. Tutoher.
District Junior Grand Warden—Wor. Bro. W. H. Wickham.
District Grand Chaplain—Wor. Bro. E. A. Stanton.
District Grand Treasurer—Wor. Bro. H. Sykes.
District Grand Registrar—Wor. Bro. C. M. Longue.
District Grand President Board of G. P.—Wor. Bro. B. B. Hayden.
District Grand Secretary—Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin.
District Senior Grand Deacon—Wor. Bro. J. Moorhead.
District Junior Grand Deacon—Wor. Bro. E. Wooley.
District Grand Superintendent of Works—Wor. Bro. W. H. W. W. W.
District Grand Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. W. C. Drew.
District Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies—Wor. Bro. J. S. Hough.
District Grand Sword Bearer—Wor. Bro. P. H. Holyoak.
District Grand Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. J. N. Jones.
District Grand Standard Bearer—Wor. Bro. H. L. Higge.
District Grand Organist—Wor. Bro. C. F. G. Grimble.
District Grand Pursuivant—Wor. Bro. W. E. L. L.
District Grand Assistant Pursuivant—Wor. Bro. W. C. Saunders.
District Grand Steward—Wor. Bro. J. W. Graham.
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District Grand Steward—Wor. Bro. F. Graham.
District Grand Steward—Wor. Bro. W. Wolfe.
District Grand Steward—Wor. Bro. J. Ross.
District Grand Steward—Wor. Bro. F. P. Lachlan.

TRADE REVIEW 1908.

Below we give a retrospect of the trade of the year 1908 the data of which have been gathered from authoritative sources.

EXCHANGE.

During 1907 exchange has been fluctuating between 1/11 and 1s 8d. It was at its highest, 1/11 in the beginning of January, since when rates have been declining steadily during the year, with the usual temporary rises mainly caused by speculation in India and China, down to 1s 8d. at the beginning of December; since then there has been a little recovery and the T/T rate stood on the 31st December, 1908 at 1s 8 3/4.

The main reason for the decline of silver we must attribute to the total absence of the Indian Government as a buyer, the trade balance having been against India nearly all the year. The Government had no reason to add more to their already large stocks and it is agreed that little silver may be required for India for months to come. Besides there is the increase of the world's production by the opening up of the Cobalt mines in Canada. The Statist of July 6th, 1908, gave the following official returns for these mines since 1904 as follows:—

	Tons of Silver contents	2,000 lbs.	oz.
1904.....	158	206,875	
1905.....	2,144	2,451,356	
1906.....	1,485	1,485,360	
1906 first half.....	1,190	1,190,000	
1906 second half.....	425	398,018	
1907 first half.....	6,319	4,473,540	
1907 second half.....	8,469	5,549,771	

Whether the sharp decline in the price of silver will influence the working of these mines is, of course, another question, so far only the returns for January and February 1908 are to hand showing shipment of tons 2,500, against tons 1,880 during the same period in 1907. The lowest price of silver quoted during this year was 22d on December 3rd being only 1/2 higher than the lowest point ever touched.

COTTON AND YARN.

The fluctuations in India or America seem to have very little effect on our market here, which is entirely controlled by local conditions and the requirements of the country. The increasing importations of the low counts of Indian Yarn and the introduction of cheap Japanese cloth into the country have considerably checked the consumption of the raw material. Receipts during the period amount to 27,194 bales and sales aggregate 26,720 bales. A fair portion of the arrivals are supposed to be in fulfilment of contracts with the local mill, while a small quantity have been re-exported to Kobe on consignment, leaving about 500 bales in stocks here.

The commercial retrospect of the last year is chiefly remarkable for the numerous fluctuations and incessant decline in silver, producing serious disturbances in commercial operations, great depreciation in many articles of produce, low prices and more or less heavy losses to importers. The result of the year's business has been far from satisfactory.

The Indian trade, so far as Hongkong is concerned, has materially advanced during the past twelve months. Imports amount to 210,275 bales as against 146,395 bales last year. Sales aggregate 151,243 bales as against 137,608 bales in 1907, showing an increase of 43 and 10 per cent. respectively. As the evil effects of the late crisis of 1906-07 are gradually disappearing, the country is in a better position to absorb imports, and demand from the consuming districts, despite natural and political disturbances, has been on a much larger scale and on the whole a comparatively good business has been put through. Importations during the first four months of the year met with some profit, and more or less covering prices were obtained; exchange kept steady and values appreciated 4 to 5 per cent. owing to brisk enquiry. In May a sudden drop of 5 to 6 points in exchange took place, no adequate advance in rates could be obtained and business was greatly checked in consequence. A brisk demand from the country then set in, but as silver continued to decline the advance in prices was not sufficient to allow much for the loss in exchange and all sufficient efforts to adjust them to the lower level of exchange proved unsuccessful. On the whole the year under review has been unremunerative to the trade. Except in the case of some best and favourite spinnings prices seldom reached the level of rates ruling in Bombay, and were it not for a little occasional assistance from Shanghai results would have been more unsatisfactory.

In the beginning of the year exchange stood at Rs. 143, and is now quoted at about Rs. 126, best spinnings of No. 10s were sold at Rs. 96 to 98, and are now quoted at Rs. 110 to 111; unsold stocks in January were estimated at Rs. 8,000 bales, and the market now closes almost lifeless with a trifling stock of 19,000 bales.

The past twelve months have been very successful to native dealers. Their proceedings have been marked by extreme caution and their purchases principally confined to actual requirements under country orders and without an outlet for their purchases no concession on the part of holders to effect sales could induce free buying.

The last year has been the fourth successive period of prosperity to the cotton mills in Bombay. The most noticeable feature of the trade has been the successful placing of the low counts of Bombay yarn on the English market.

PIECE GOODS.

The year just closed has shown some improvement over the two years immediately preceding, although the piece goods business generally can hardly be described as satisfactory. There has been a slight improvement on the part of

having been kept more nearly approximate to the demand from consuming districts. Stocks have therefore been light and clearances good. The improvement has been mostly felt in Fancy Goods, and would have been even more marked had not supplies of banknote and other cheap cargo found their way down here from Shanghai and the North.

Grey and White goods have not benefited so much as Fancies, but there were heavier stocks, to work off in these.

SUNDRIES.

The year 1908 may on the whole be said to have been a satisfactory one. True we have heard many grumblings about the bad times throughout the year, but nearly every one will admit that the trade has shown a considerable improvement on that of the year 1907.

During the year prices have come down at home for many articles, and a good business has been done in consequence. Cotton Goods, Hosiery, Umbrellas, Woollen Cord, Berlin Wool, Lams, Braid and Blankets, have all seen a remarkably low level of prices during the year, so much so that many of the Foreign hongs have been tempted to buy in anticipation for 1909 deliveries, and it remains to be seen whether their gambles will result favourably to themselves or not. The discount on Chinese coins, which was such a disturbing element in this class of business last year, has not been so heavy during the latter half of the year and dealers have benefited to a great extent.

The continued fall in exchange has since October prevented a lot of business being put through, but on the other hand dealers have been able to make a little money on some of their purchases made when exchange was good. Many native dealers, however, refuse to hold any cargo at all for a rise, and if they see a chance of selling without loss, they do, thus spoiling the market for others. One hears much about the guilds of the Chinese being able to regulate prices, but as far as the dealers in Sundries are concerned, this does not hold good, the competition being too keen. There have been only a few failures of native dealers in Hongkong and Canton this year, which may be considered satisfactory. The outlook for next year is not very promising as stocks in native hands seem heavy.

SILK.

At the beginning of the year the silk market was dull and prices had a downward tendency. About the middle of January an improvement set in, but was of only short duration, prices, having dropped by the end of February some 350 per picul. Stocks accumulating rapidly, dealers had to make further considerable concessions, flatrates fine sizes suffering most. The lowest point was reached towards the middle of March, when values were from \$100 to \$150 per picul lower than at the beginning of the year. Demand from European markets now made itself felt and by the end of April prices had advanced \$80/\$90 per picul, a drop of 6 per cent. in exchange facilitating business. The market ruled steady during May and a fair turnover was done. During the early part of June demand slackened off but improved later, values advancing \$30/\$40 per picul in spite of a rise of about 5 per cent in exchange. During July prices rose a further \$40 to \$50, exchange dropping some 3 per cent. Steam flatrates for mechanical weaving and coarse-sized flatrates were most in demand. August and September saw small fluctuations in values as well as in exchange. October opened dull, prices losing from 1 per cent to 3 per cent; this was, however, followed by a steady improvement, chiefly due to the small crops and the further fall of 5 per cent in rates of exchange. Prices have experienced an advance of about \$100 per picul during the last three months of the year.

The seven crops of this season yielded about 34,000 bales against 50,000 bales of last year, but large stocks of old season's cocoons and silk having been carried over to the new season the deficit has been partly covered. The quality of the 1st and 2nd and 6th and 7th crops has been very good; the silk of the other crops was, however, rather dirty and not up to the requirements of mechanical weaving. No improvement has been made in the reeling of steam flatrates and the export of native silk, owing to poor winding and irregularity of size, is falling off steadily, and threatens to stop completely in a few years, if means are not found to improve this kind of silk.

CASSIA.

Demand for this commodity ruled fairly good during the whole year and total exports of whole and broken Cassia are estimated at about 55,000 piculs. The market opened rather low and during April and May prices still further declined, a rumour having been circulated to the effect that the crop would yield considerably more than last year. Since the month of June however values have steadily advanced and have now reached a level which has not been seen for many years past. The report of a large crop was evidently an exaggerated one, the stocks now left being only very small. These are held at the present time by Chinese speculators, who look for still higher prices. Thanks to the efforts made by the Cassia Guild the quality has this season been slightly improved but still leaves much to be desired. In spite of the promises made by the Guild to remedy the old complaint of all foreign houses, viz shortage in weight, this trouble still continues. Business is now practically at a standstill, the prices asked being beyond reach of home markets.

MATTING.

The season opened rather late, i.e. in April, and the demand more than over favoured the Tungkun make, for which large orders were placed and which, as a consequence, fetched unusually high prices. The Lintan Matting during the greater part of the year were more or less neglected and concessions in prices were freely obtainable from manufacturers. However, towards the end of the period under review a good demand sprang up for the highest grade, viz. the 116 warps Matting, stocks of which in America were getting very low, only comparatively small contracts

having been placed at the commencement of the season. Although the lower exchange now ruling allows this class of Matting to come in under the low rate of duty at a considerably higher price, those paid for these late contracts are below the rates at the beginning of the season. Total export of Matting to the U.S.A. during 1908 is estimated at about 450,000 rolls. A good amount of business has been done in Mats and Carpets, the total export of which, principally to Europe, is estimated at about 60,000 rolls. Prices were anything but remunerative. Floods and typhoons were pretty frequent this year and large damage is reported from Lintan, where considerable quantities of straw have been destroyed by a recent conflagration.

METALS.

The expectation that values had reached their bottom by the end of 1907 has not been realised. Prices rather continued their downward course and have only latterly kept fairly steady. For some metals even an advance has to be recorded on the rates ruling in the beginning of 1908.

Generally speaking, business has been fairly satisfactory to both importers and native dealers, firstly because both acted cautiously, and secondly because the decline has not been very accentuated and was occasionally interrupted by a temporary recovery or steadiness.

With the heavy decline from the abnormally high rates ruling before the American crisis set in, prices have reached a level which may be considered fairly safe, and in many instances is lower than it has been for many years past. As usual, low prices act as a stimulant on consumption demand, and, the position being regarded with more confidence, the volume of business has rather increased in some lines.

Prices compare as follows:—

	30th Dec. 1907	30th Dec. 1908
Silver.....	24 1/2	22 3/4
Quicksilver.....	8 4 0	8 9 0
Nailrods.....	6 15 0	6 0 0
Lead.....	15 5 0	14 2 6
Spelter.....	10 10 0	21 2 6
Copper.....	64 0 0	66 10 0
Yellow Metal.....	74	63

KEROSENE OIL, PETROLEUM AND BY-PRODUCTS.

The kerosene oil market for the year has been extremely strong, owing to the gradual drop in exchange, and the firm position at home. The delivery into consumption has increased for all brands, and lubricants have held their own, while there has been a material increase in wax, naphtha, and other by-products, over the preceding year.

FLOUR.

There has been practically no trade in Australian flour this year, and a generous estimate would not put the total at more than three thousand bags. Of course fair quantities have been finding their way to Shanghai and Singapore but nothing of any moment has been landed at Hongkong. Dealers however anticipate business as the result of the American freights having been put up to the level of Suez rates. The Australian crop has not turned out well, and the bumper harvest that was expected is not likely to be realised. The best price for Australian flour is £8 per ton c.i.f. which is equivalent to \$240 per quarter sack.

The market did not show the same activity as in the previous year. During the cake season there has been a considerable falling off, due principally to the fact that the crops in South China were fairly good and to the fact that high prices ruled on the other side, the low exchange causing a decline in the demand. The imports of flour from 1st January to 30th December amounted to 3,689,938 sacks of 50lbs each.

RICE.

As against the increase of twenty-five per cent recorded last year the shipments from Saigon show a falling off this year of about four million piculs. Up till 11th December the total export amounted to 12,545,615 of which 2,745,800 were consigned to Hongkong, 1,104,790 to Manila, 8,765,400 to Japan, 1,298,743 to Sourabaya, and 3,288,300 to Europe.

OPPIUM.

In accordance with the agreement between the British and Chinese Governments to reduce the export of Opium from India yearly, the Government of India sold at auction in 1908 46,800 chests against 50,400 chests in 1907. Fluctuations have been very heavy during the year, due to the decline in silver, and to the various attempts made by the Provincial Officials to place restrictions on the sale of raw opium contrary to the Treaties. Owing to the vigilance of the British Consular officials these attempts have been frustrated, but the temporary disorganization of trade and the feeling of uncertainty that prevails, has had its effect both on prices and consumption, and the result of the year's trading has not been satisfactory.

The restrictions above referred to take the form of various complicated and unwelcome systems of licensing sellers and buyers of raw drug, the establishment of a monopoly by limiting the number of dealers in same, and restricting the sale of raw opium to quantities not less than one whole ball of the drug. The highest price for Patna touched during the year was \$1,220 and the lowest \$920.

Malwa. The sale last year was limited to 15,100 chests and this quantity is to be reduced yearly by 10 per cent. The remarks regarding Bengal apply to this description also. Fluctuations have been more violent in Malwa: the highest price touched during the year was \$1,330 and the lowest \$900 for new drug of good quality.

Persian. The import of this drug into China is to participate in the reduction of 10 per cent. annually, the sale for next year being limited to 1,000 piculs. The highest price touched during the year was \$950, and the lowest \$830.

TONNAGE.

Last year was one of exceptional inactivity for the freight market in the East, low freights ruling all over the coast, while want of employment forced many steamers to lay up at various ports, notably Hongkong. To a certain degree, according to Messrs. Aagaard, Thoresen and

Co.'s annual report, the dull state of the freight markets in other parts of the world accounts for some of the old, and, for the coasting trade unsuitable steamers remaining here, owners apparently preferring to keep them out East as long as possible in the hope that things will again brighten. When our last review appeared the market was quiet, and early January brought a further depression and the usual listlessness. The approach of Chinese New Year further accentuated the bad state of the market, while the reports of abnormal rainfalls in Indo-China threatening the crops also had a deteriorating effect to some degree. At Saigon old crop cargo was getting scarce and rates to Hongkong dropped to eight cents per picul.

Coal freights remained idle, with very little inquiry, Haiphong to Canton being fixed to \$1.60 and Moji to Swatow at \$1.40. February opened quietly in all directions with the exception of Saigon to Hongkong where the inquiry was well maintained, and quite a number of boats were taken up at rates ranging from 14 to 16 cents per picul. To the Philippines, rates also improved a little, 25 to 28 cents being obtainable, and some fixtures were concluded at 24 and 25 cents to Java, while Saigon to Singapore in one instance was done on the basis of 16 cents per picul. During the first half of March rice freights from Saigon to Hongkong continued to be the mainstay of the market. The enquiry, however, gradually subsided owing to the fall in the price of that commodity here, and freight which had crawled up to 16 cents fell to 13 1/2 with scant enquiry. Chefoo and Yangtze river ports came in the market to Canton and many of the regular liners, which, owing to lack of cargo, had been thrown on the open market, again found employment in this direction, while the opening of Tientsin helped to improve matters. April, which in ordinary circumstances should have been one of the best months of the year, proved this year to be a discouraging exception to the rule. Coal freights, however, were well maintained, Moji to Swatow being done at \$2.15; Hongkong to Canton at \$1.80; and from Karan to Canton \$2.70 was paid, this latter being the highest rate paid for coal from Japan during the whole year. A small number of steamers found employment in the Saigon-Philippine trade in the early part of May. Freights, however, were weaker, in sympathy with the Saigon to Hongkong market where the inquiry was very limited, and where rates did not in any instance exceed 12 cents.

Idle tonnage began to accumulate in Hongkong, and the order of the day was to get North by hook or by crook, the Northern market, had as it was, being considered better than the one down here, especially as no improvement could be expected in any of the local trades. In the early part of June there was a considerable increase in the number of steamers laid up in Hongkong and during that month rates generally were on the decline. They improved very little in July, but large shipments of sugar to the United States materially helped to remove from the coast some of the large colliers which had come out with bunkers for the American fleet. August maintained its bad reputation as one of the dullest months in the year, and owners had a hard fight to secure employment. This general dullness continued during September and rates dropped still further. There was a slight improvement during the month of October by reason of the fact that a number of vessels found employment in the Wuhu-Swatow trade, owing to trouble having arisen between shippers and the regular lines, and several steamers which were laid up at Hongkong and other places went north to enter into this trade; but owing to the number of boats competing, rates did not reach a satisfactory level. The freights obtained in November left much to be desired, while there was a slight improvement in the market in December.

If no extraordinary events cause a rise in the markets during the coming year it is anticipated that freights, while slowly tending upward, will drag along in much the same unsatisfactory way as during the last two years. A better business is, however, expected in the Newchwang-Canton market.

COAL.

There has practically been no change between this year and 1907 in the Coal market except on contracts, which have shown a slight advance in prices. All principal consumers had their Coals contracted for and very few extra sales have been effected during the year under review. The following is a general review for the year:—

Japanese Coals.—About 850,000 tons reached Hongkong during the year, the quantity being about the same as 1907. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, being the largest importers, contributed over 400,000 tons including those cargoes discharged at Canton. As mentioned in our last year's report, small steamers with full and or part cargoes are now going direct to Canton for discharge, thus saving the boat hire between this and Canton. The Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kwaisha rank second in the list of importers, the quantity imported by them amounting to about 150,000 tons. They are suppliers to the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., Canadian Pacific Railway and other Steamship Companies. The principal loading ports in Japan are Moji, Kuchino, Karatsu and Mororan, the latter port being the loading port for Yubari Lump Coal.

Cardiff Coals.—About 50,000 tons arrived here all of which was landed into godowns. Forty thousand tons came to the Admiralty. Small imports amounted to \$300,651,000, Belgium to \$100,062,000, French to \$179,149,000, and British (United Kingdom) \$378,004,000. As compared with the same period last year, the German imports showed a falling off of \$220,000,000, Belgium nearly a falling off of \$3,500,000, American \$24,000,000, French \$24,800,000. The domestic exports during the first nine months of the year were as follows:—

Germany, \$245,873,000, as against \$249,473,000 for the same period last year; Belgium, \$75,958,000, against \$78,299,000; France, \$155,335,000, as against \$165,260,000; United States, \$252,587,000, against \$272,928,000; United Kingdom, \$226,565,000, against \$319,281,000.

Bengal Coal.—There being no demand for this Coal, no local firm imported any into the Colony during the year for sale.

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Hongay Coal.—Some 95,000 tons reached here by small steamers most of them proceeding to Canton with their cargoes.

Pulo Laut.—Only a few small steamers of about 2,000 tons arrived during the year.

Tsingtau Coal.—There is practically no demand for this coal, the list of arrivals being of no importance.

Touane Kelao and Haiphong Coals.—Several small steamers with these coals arrived during the year all proceeding to Canton for the discharge of their cargoes.

Tairen Coal.—During the middle of December the s.s. Shibetori Maru arrived here with 4,000 tons of Bujen Coal, this being a new coal from South Manchuria. The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha are the importers and the whole cargo was sold to Chinese.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

A BOARD OF TRADE COMPARISON.

The Board of Trade last month published as a White Paper a comparison of foreign trade and commerce for the nine months ended September. According to this the German imports amounted to \$300,651,000, Belgium to \$100,062,000, French to \$179,149,000, and British (United Kingdom) \$378,004,000. As compared with the same period last year, the German imports showed a falling off of \$220,000,000, Belgium nearly a falling off of \$3,500,000, American \$24,000,000, French \$24,800,000. The domestic exports during the first nine months of the year were as follows:—

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NOTICE.

MR. ERNST ARNDT, having retired from our Employment, CEASES to Sign our Firm per Procurement from this date.

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [128]

NOTICE.

I have This Day established myself under the name of ARNDT & Co., with Offices at 38, Queen's Road Central and will carry on Business as General Importers.

ERNST ARNDT.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [129]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. JOHANN THEODOR LAUTS in our Firm CEASES To-day.

LAUTS & HAESLOOP.
Swatow, 31st December, 1908. [130]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG and Mr. WILHELM WIEDERHOLD in our Firm CEASES on the 31st December, 1908.

Mr. CARL ROBERT LENZMANN has been Admitted a partner in our Firm from This Date.

CARLOWITZ & Co.
China, Japan, Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.
Hamburg, New York. [131]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of our late partner GEORGE RICHARD BROEDSEN CEASES upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last.

Mr. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and Mr. EUGEN SIEBERT have This Day been Admitted as Partners in our Firm.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Shanghai, Hongkong & China 1st January, 1909. [132]

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from This Date.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS,
Manager for China.
Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [133]

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Additions and Corrections for the "DIRECTORY AND CHRONICLE" TO-DAY.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [134]

LADIES' DIRECTORY.

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"DAILY PRESS" Office.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [135]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1703]

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By Order,
A. E. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1908. [1714]

NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned hereby beg to inform the Public that before any Agreement, Contract, Delivery Order, Receipt or other Important Document in connection with our Business can be Valid it must be Signed by Mr. Ho Jui and chopped with the chop of our Firm.

TONG SHING, Waahermen,
458, West Point, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1708]

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Kaiserlich DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.
Swatow, den 17. December 1908. [1683]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE amtlichen Bekanntmachungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Konsulats in Canton werden während des Jahres 1909 im "Ostasiatischen Lloyd" der "Canton Weekly News" und nach Bedarf auch in der "Hongkong Daily Press" veröffentlicht werden.

Kaiserlich DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.
Canton, den 31. Dezember 1908. [1693]

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BATOUN, British str., 2,621, Stewart, 31st Dec.—Pulo Sambo and Singapore 22nd Dec.
Case Oil—Asiatic Petroleum & Co.
CHOYSANG, British str., 1,424, Sandbach, 31st Dec.—Shanghai and Swatow 30th Dec.
General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
ESANG, British str., 1,127, Meyerick, 31st Dec.—Wellington 25th Dec.
General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
GERMANIA, German str., 31st Dec.—Canton.
HONG WAN I, British str., 2,060, Kinghorn, 31st Dec.—Singapore 25th Dec.
General—Chinese.
MEERPOO, Chinese str., 31st Dec.—Canton.
SIGNAL, German str., 940, G. Schlaikier, 31st Dec.—Haiphong and Hainow 30th Dec.
General—Jensen & Co.
YOHOW, British str., 1,306, Brown, 31st Dec.—Shanghai 27th Dec.
General—Butterfield & Swire.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
31st December.
Amigo, German str., for Hainow.
Bandai Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.
Chongfa, German str., for Bangkok.
Chongshing, British str., for Canton.
Germania, German str., for Quinhon.
Hainow, British str., for Swatow.
Hainow, French str., for K. C. Wan.
Haichang, British str., for Samarang.
Joshin Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Leungshing, British str., for Manila.
Phoenix, British str., for Saigon.
Sarung, British str., for Fochow.
Tippans, Dutch str., for Batavia.
Yehow, British str., for Canton.

DEPARTURES.

31st December.
CHOSHUN MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow.
FOOSHING, British str., for Shanghai.
HAINOW, Norwegian str., for Wulu.
HANGCHOW, British str., for Canton.
HANYANG, British str., for Shanghai.
ICHANG, British str., for Wulu.
LOCKSHUN, German str., for Swatow.
P. E. FRIEDRICH, German str., for Shanghai.
PRINZ WALDEMAR, Ger. str., for Sydney.
TAKASAKI MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIGLIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLORIAN	Brit. str.	—	Haughton	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 11th inst.
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 9th inst. at Noon.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	QANABOVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	End of January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DEN OF OZIL	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ISTRIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BARCHONA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. FRED. LARSEN	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES & LONDON VIA BOMBAY	MACHONIA	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PERSEUS	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUEZ PORTS	INDRAWADI	Ass. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Jap. str.	1 m.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
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"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 2nd March	26th March 09
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 Hongkong, 28th December, 1908. [1]

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 Captain Haughton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 11th January, 1909.

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 Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1678]

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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	NYANZA Capt. H. S. Bradshaw	About 2nd Jan.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELHI Capt. J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	About 8th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ASSAYE Capt. C. L. Daniel	Noon, 9th Jan.	See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SAMARANG and SOERABAYA	"HUICHOW"	On 3rd Jan., Dlight
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 5th Jan., 3 p.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 12th Jan., 3 p.m.

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* TAMSUI via SWATOW	"DAIJIN MARU" Capt. I. SAKURAI	SUNDAY, 10th Jan., at 8 a.m.
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T. ARIMA, Manager

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SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	"CHUNSIANG"	Friday, 8th Jan., 4 p.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"ONSIANG"	Sunday, 10th Jan., D'light
* SH'AL, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"FOOKSANG"	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon
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FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. SLAVONIA... 22nd Febr. 09	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG: S.S. ANDALUSIA... 27th Febr. 09

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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGA- PORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	SADO MARU Capt. Geo. Anderson	6227	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	BINGO MARU Capt. A. Christensen	6297	WEDNESDAY, 20th Jan., 09 at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	S. SHINANO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	6383	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	S. TANGO MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	7463	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., 09 at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	3817	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon
	WAKAMIYA MARU Capt. T. Yamawaki	4421	MONDAY, 4th Jan., 09 at Noon
	AWA MARU Capt. A. Kishi	6309	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., 09 at Daylight
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TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
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